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Third street to Elm street.

A five and one-third foot wide perm nent walk on the west side of Wac-

A four foot wide permanent walk on the north side of Third street from Vichita street to Waco avenue.

A five and one-third foot wide cinder walk on the west side of Seneca street from Chicago avenue to Maple street (being on this street only for the unfin-

shed walk.)
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nent walk on the east side of Main street from Morris street to Kellogg street.

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street to the bridge across the Little Ackansas river.

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The common purslane is one of the wonders of botany, as far as seeds are concerned, at least. A single seed of this plant will produce about twenty seed-pods in a season. The average number of seeds in each of these, by actual count, is 3,000, making 60,000 in all. As far as we have been able to learn, there is no instance of similar fruitfulness in any plant found growing in this ountry. A single plant of either the Jamestown weed ("jimson"), the butterweed, the ragweed, and some of the vervines produce an enormous number of seeds, but it is doubtful if any of them produces one-fourth as many in a

Lanterns as Personal Graaments.

Balleons at Son-The balloon has become a marine lifesaving appliance. The big ocean grey equipped with lifeboats harnessed to balloons so as to be practically unsinkable. This novel device has been putcuted by a shrewd Connecticut Yankee

Greenland Woman's Hair Ribbon In South Greenland the color of the forts to escape, had wound the rope a hair ribbon which a women ties around her head denotes the social condition of the wearer-whether she be maid, or

wife, or widow. On some parts of the const of France, when the wind is in the east, the mist

STARTLING DREAM VERIFIED. Wozum Imagines She Is Being Pursus and Awakes to be Shot At.

Miss Guentherodt, a seamstress in the family of Frederick Bloetscher, living at Fifteenth and Magnolia streets Detroit, Mich., had a startling dream the other night. When she retired to sleep a lamp was left burning dimly upon a table in the room. Along about two o'clock she had a dresm that a man with a gun was chasing her, and and near the door a man with a cloth over the lower part of his face was standing. She screamed in her fright, and the man turned instantly and fired at her. She redoubled her cries and th robber fired twice more in rapid suc

By this time Mr. and Mrs. Bloetscher were leaping from their beds, and the thug unlocked the door to the street and ran out. Mrs. Electscher started to follow him, but he fired twice at her from the sidewalk and she closed the

The first bullet peased above Miss Guentherodt and buried itself in the wall. The second and third struck her in the right leg, one in the thigh and the other in the knee. Dr. Grau extracted the former, but the other glanced from a bone and has not yet been found They are not dangerous, though she may be lamed from the wound in her

Patrolman Slunt was at the corne of Sixteenth and Magnolia when the shots were fired, and he ran toward the house. He saw a man run down Fifteenth street, but when the officer arrived at the corner the villain had es caped. Entrance was effected through a window that had been left unfectione because the frame had swallen so that it could not be closed, the house being a new one. Rebbery of Mr. Bloetsche was doubtless the intent of the thug.

HE WAS BURIED ALIVE. Frightful Fate of a Prospector Be

George P. Wirtz, of San Francis has received a letter from Alaska which says that Carlton F. Wells, who left Oregon almost two years ago for the Arctic gold fields—where it is said he succeeded in accumulating \$20,000was buried alive after his apparent death from heart disease, in Juneau, last May.

Just prior to Wells' apparent death he forwarded the greater portion of his little fortune to his wife, who is now living at Trenton, N. J. A little more than a month ago the undertaker who buried Wells received a letter from his widow asking that the body be exhumed and shipped east for permanent interment.

When the coffin was opened the body was found in a strangely cramped po-sition, the face turned toward the side, A close examination showed beyond a doubt that Wells had awakened from a death-like trance after burial. The skeleton of the right hand clutched a gutta percha plate bearing three false teeth, which, in his agony, Wells is be-lieved to have torn from the roof of his mouth.

Near the place where his right fav resetd in the coffin was also found a plain gold ring, which Wells had worn on the fourth finger of his right hand. In view of this terrible discovery the undertaker and the doctor who had attended Wells decided not to send the body east unless forced to do so by legal

MEET AFTER MANY YEARS.

sonville. When Mattie was two years old her mother died, and she and her brother and sister were wealthy. One night the family Mattie with them and leaving the other two children behind. Mr. Knight spent a large sum of money in a vain endeavor

The father and his two oldest children lost all trace of little Mattie. She grew up to womanhood and finally married Mr. Allison. For some time past she has been living in this county. Recently she heard of the whereabouts of her brother, Fred Knight, of Lebanon, O. He learned that his sister was living in this county and came to see her. They met after a separation of 27 years, and a happy meeting it was.

RECOVERY OF A BICYCLE.

Among the residents of Bermuda are two brothers, one of whom, besiden a swift and skillful rider of the bicycle. Some years ago, shortly before the date set for a bievele race in which he was to be one of the contestents his wheel forts to find a trace of it proved fruit-

One day, about 14 months after the bicycle had been presumably stolen, a ng of a lighted lantern as a personal fisherman who was angling out in the ornament. The fashion originated with middle of St. George's harbor for floata speculative manufacturer, whose ing fish, hooked a large one, which inpetites lanterns were bought by tens stantly plunged into the depths of the of thousands at the fair of Neuilly. The harbor in a vain endeavor to escape. lantern is very small and neat, and The angler played with him for awhile, made in a Gothic form after an ancient and then feeling the line tightening in his hand and the strain become ste began to haul up. He soon realized that he had at the end of his line one of the heaviest catches which he had ever made, and (what he could not understand about it) that it was almost apparently a dead weight. He hauled away, however, until there appeared he had hooked, but a bicycle, around the handles of which the fish, in his ef-

number of times. bicycle nahore. There it was identified as the one which had so inexplicably grm. disappeared. Strange to say the machine, in spite of the fact that it had ing styles was one with a high crown it along, if you like it."

This young men orgawhelesed him

14 months, was but little damaged and was easily put in running order again.

For some time no clew as to how and its way to its watery hiding ; could be discovered. Eventually, ever, several circumstances came to light that pointed to a man with whon he bicycle rider had once had trouble At one time whenever he rode past thi man's place the dogs which w there would run out and bark and snap at the rider, causing him considerable annoyance and trouble. At first he off the brutes as best he could, but when he found that they were set upon him by their master he took promp easures to have the man arrested, rought into court and fined. From various circumstances that were found out regarding the disappearance of the wheel there seemed to be no doubt that the owner of the ugly dogs was responsible for it and that he stole the machine and sunk it in the harbor in order to be revenged on its owner.-Bosto Transcript.

CRAFTSMEN WHO WANDER.

In the outlying portions of Chicago, dirst," s and especially where its foreign elements abound, there are many features down?" even of street life that recall the older cities of Europe. One of these conwho carry their tools and workshops along with them and ply their respective callings wherever they can pick up a job. Various are their methods of advertising themselves and attracting

One aristocrat of a shoemaker drives about in a closed vehicle as white and garish as a circus wagon. Within it are his work bench and stool, a cupboard full of leather scrape and a know more than he did. After that we small heating store. He has the kanck got on like a house aftre." of restoring to usefulness footwear that seemed to be hopelessly disabled. When he gets a job at any house in a block he draws up his wagon to the sidewalk and there "sticks to his last" as long as custom may come.

The timmith, or tinker, is usually less imposing then the cobbler. He carries his tools and a small stock of tin in a leathern budget slung over one shoulder. He proclaims his coming in the street by a musical cry of "Old tins-tins to mend!" When employed to repair a leaking wash boiler or a spoutless teakettle, he sits down to his task in some convenient porch or

Another useful craftsman is the one who has an ambulant grindstone for sharpening knives and scissors. As he trundles it along by the sidewalk it clangs an iron bell that makes piteous appeal to be silenced. The grinder gets numerous jobs, too, for in many drudg-ing households there would be no work for the carving knife if the scissors were long out of order. One knife grinder was met lately who has no grindstone, but does his work with a set of very hard files. These he carries in his hand rolled up in a piece of canvas, and as he makes no clang or cry, but has all the modest seeming of an opulent plumber, he is enabled to call unterrified at the better class of resilences. All these worthy craftsmen fill a useful role and form a link be tween American civilization and the lands in which it was cradled .- Chicago

ABOUT TEA GOWNS. Mandsome and Graceful Creations for

of satin brocade with lace trimmings. After a mysterious separation of 27 A pale blue brocade with a considerable years Mrs. Horace Allison, residing train had a loose front and Watteau near Jeffersonville, Fayette county, O., back. The sleeves were made of alterhas at last met her brother, whom she | nating rows of puffs and insertion runlast saw at Hudsonville, Neb., when she ning lengthwise of the arm, with a was a little girl two years old. Mrs. slight puff drapery at the top. There Allison's maiden name was Miss Mattie | was no lining and the pink arm gleamed Knight, and she was the daughter of Linn | through the openings in the Valeu-Knight, who kept a grocery at Hud- ciennes insertion. Another tea gown was made of a cream-colored material that looked very much like scrim, which was lined with rose-colored silk. Both placed with a family and their board of the above mentioned gowns, howpaid by Mr. Knight, who was ever, are better suited to a tea where the invited guests do not include with whom the three children lived gentlemen; as loosely flowing robes are suddenly took their departure, taking not considered good form outside the boudoir or breakfast room.

However, so long as a lady preserves her waist line, she may drape her gown to ascertain the whereabouts of his in any style that pleases her, and there is a great distinction between the correct house dress and the gown for the

Boleros and fichus of lace, jabots and vest fronts of chiffon are very soft and pretty. Even a train is desirable if the gown itself is trim and well fitted. One of the hostesses at a recent ten wore a gown with a front of plaited mousseline de soie reaching from the neck to the bottom of the skirt. But over it was an Eton jacket like the material of the skirt, ornamented around the edges of its revers and epaulets with jeweled passementerie, and there was a wide girdle of velvet, which held the loose front in place at the waist. The skirt was made with a long train.

The daughter of the house wore dress of light woolen material, which had a separate waist and skirt with no suggestion of the neglige about it. The waist was fight in the back, but had simulated jacket fronts. There was a year as the purslane does .- St. Lonis mysteriously disappeared and all ef- high velvet stock with a ruche of lace eround the top and a wide flounce at the lower edge which fell over the mouscline front. The wide revers that were partly collar and partly epaulets were slashed in V notches, and the whole was edged with fancy braid. Braid also appeared on the dart seams of the skirt.

This is the place to trim the skirt, by the way, either just below the waist, or at the bottom. One of the imported dresses in a large New York store has a frill of inch-wide black ribbon running across the front in wavy lines about six inches below the waist. The frill is

headed with gimp braid. A pretty way to trim sleeves is suggrated by a gown which had a jacket of gray armure with a raised figure in above the water not only the fish that | black velvet. The jacket and the bottom of the skirt were edged with a nar-row band of chinchilla fur. The front was white mousseline de soie. liceres were just good, straight, old- girls with red hair. When the astonished fisherman had fashioned sleeves, but the fact was consufficiently recovered from his amaze-ment at the curious catch he took the of three loops that stood out like epaulets over the shoulders and upper

up around'It and held'in place with

Cock feathers are growing too co roon to be safe investments, and that plaited ruching is getting dangerously

Ratin resettes with steel centers lo very like flowers. The parrot heads with swallow wings and paradise tails in the heaven above or the earth bemeath, but that doesn't matter to a woman if the combination only looks pretty.—Washington Star.

NOT HER IDEAL, AFTER ALL

Hade No False Pretensions Until It Came to French—Then Came His Fall. One of them had a real football head of hair, and wore a sweater, while the other wore a carnation in his buttonhis own collar. And the girl who sat immediately back of them on the grip heard what they were saying.

"You didn't seem to get on very well with that college girl at the dinner last night," said the youth in the sweater; "did she want somebody else to take her

"She seemed well enough pleased at first," said he of the collar, gloomily. "Then how did you happen to fall

"Well, she said she despised people who pretended to be what they are "And you agreed with her?" "Well, I saw no reason to disagree with a girl whose father is worth \$2,000,-

000 and who is good looking enough for a girl without a cent to ber name." "Good old boy. What did she say "She said she was glad to meet one person who was willing to pass for what he really was and not affect to

"That must have been before caught sight of you.' "Perhaps it was. Then we got to talking about a book we had both read. and I made use of a French phrase

which seemed to describe it better than anything else." "And wasn't she pleased with that?" "I guess so, but that was the end of

"Pshaw, you're off your base. How ould that end it?" "She said: 'O, you speak French don't you? How nice!' and began to rattle it off like a steam engine."

"I had said the only French phrase I knew!"-Chicago Tribune.

INSECT STINGS. Home Remedies for the Bites of Depri

datory Pests. The sting of most small insects and nimals is dependent for its poisonous properties upon what is known as for-

nie acid. This acid derives its name from havmg been obtained first from the ant, and is remarkable for the frequency with which it occurs in nature. It can be produced from nearly every species of small insect, from the decomposition of some vegetable substances, and is present in the perspiration of human

Formic acid is never used in medicine internally, although, when diluted with an equal measure of water, it is some times used as an external application to paralyzed limbs to excite the circula When applied to the soft skin it produces redness and a pricking sensation, followed by violent pain and often by ulceration.

acid in stings and bites of various kinds may be neutralized and the attending pain relieved by the use of any alkaline substance, like ammonia or bakingsoda. An immediate application of strong ammonia will often eradicate

carbolic acid, will allay the ensuing inflammation, and so prevent a spread of the trouble. Great care should be used, however, not to have the antiseptic too concentrated, as the slop and flesh are very irritable under these circum

A good way is to dissolve a very small amount of the antiseptic ingredient in collodion and paint it over the affected part. This forms a sort of medicates court-plaster, protecting the wound from external infection. When the cellodion dries it leaves a thin, flexible

costing. Sometimes a rather strong solution of carbolic acid sponged over the place exposed to mosquito hites will not only relieve the itching of bites which have been already received, but will ward off further attacks of the insects.

In some cases stings are relieved and cooled by the use of diluted or pure vinegur. The sting itself should always be removed, if it can be discovered re maining in the wound. This can be done very nicely by pressing on the skin with the hollow end of a watch-

In case of spake-bites, which are attended often by severe shock, it is necessary to sustain the vitality at any cost. Internal administration of am monia and other stimulants is to be relied on. Externally the wound may be burned with some caustic-always by a doctor.

The secret of success in the treatment of severe stings and bites consists in applying a ligature just above the wound and in cleaning the wound itself as quickly as possible.-Youth's

NOT CAUSED BY AN OPAL Is Still a Matter of Doubt.

Here is a story showing how to so count for bad luck: A man was shaking dice in a store "No wonder," soid a bystander.

"You're wearing an opal. You never will have luck." This set the man to thinking. Four days later he slipped in getting off street car and sprained his ankle. This decided him. He gave the to a friend who was on the board of trade, and who was too hard-hearted to entertain any fool notions about the

number 13, of black cats, or cross-sped Nevertheless, when this board trade man lost over \$10,000 on wheat he began to worry. He didn't care sauch for the pin onyway, and so one day when a young man in his office admired the fire in the stone, he said: "fake it along, if you like it." with thanks. Then he waited, with have to wait long. The very next week the employe was taken ill, and he missed four days at the office.

The board of trade man was troubled in conscience, so he told his young friend about the opat pin and the superstition attached to it, and the empleye, after deliberation, decided that he would give the pin to his girl.

The opal did very rapid and effective work after it became the property of the young woman. On the second day after she began to wear it she ignited a curtain in attempting to light the gas. The curtain was destroyed and the young woman berned both her hands in attempting to extinguish the blaze.

The young man who had given the stone to her felt called upon to apolo-

"Perhaps it was that opall gave rou," said he. "You know, an opal is supposed to carry bad luck with it. I didn't tell you, because I'm not super-

"T'll not wear the dreadful thing a lay longer," she said. So she didp't. She gave it to ber brother, who scoffed at the suggestion that a little stone could wield any in fluence, good or bad. Nevertheless when he started for Cincinnati and the train ran off the truck and he was tossed half the length of the car, he

became converted.

"I'll not give it to anybody else to be Jonah," said he, "I'll sell it to a jew

So he want to the jeweler and said: "What'll you give me for this opal?"
The jeweler looked at it and said: That ign't an opal; that's a cat's-eye.' -Chiergo Record.

THE ENGLISH ROYA : FAMILY.

toria and Her Childre

The simplicity of taste and feeling which distinguishes the members of our royal family has always struck me as their most charming characteristic. There is no woman in this world as art less as the queen," once declared a friend, who had had every opportunity of studying her majesty's character. Simple joys and simple pleasures are what most appeal to them, while the carnestness and warmth of the affection shown to one another by the brothers and sisters and cousins and aunts of the Guelph family show their real-unworld

liness in a very charming light.

One of the most homely and lovable nembers is Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, as the following little

anecdote will serve to show: Princess Christian "Leuchen," they call her in the royal circle, takes a dec interest as we all know in the charitable doings, nay, she spends half her life in helping to clothe the poor and feed the sick and hungry. Not so very long ago she persuaded a friend to adept some poor little waif and stray. Soon the friend came to her royal highress

with complaints. "This child," she told, "for whom have done so much-can it be believed! is dainty about her food. She actually

objects to cold mutton. And what do yen think Princes Christian replied? That paupers ought to have no tastes, no likes nor dislikes? Oh, no; the princess is too sweet and human for that. She merely laughed and said, with a delightful simplicity of

"Well, cold mutton is not so very nice after all, is it? I am not fend of it myrather likes cold beef, the one thing she cannot and will not stand is cold mut-

world though he be, retains a vast deal are like boys together sometimes, rather than father and son, and will chaff one another and laugh together as heartily as two young graduates. I remember how, when the duke of York presided over his first big charity dinner at the Great Ormund Street Hospital for Children, and a larger sum was subscribed after his speech than had ever been the case when the prince of Wales himself was at the head of the table, the duke drove ly destroyed, and the same is the case off to Marlberough house in triumph immediately afterward to "crow," es Times. he put it, over his sire. Whether the prince or duke was the more delighted

would be difficult to say. The life the royalties lead, guarded, fluences, and kept from absolute conpie beds, and is up to no end of fur, as market, and he asked his ne those who stay at Sandringham will rouch. The queen, although not given to practical joking now, as in her youth, enjoys a display of mimicry, if the than picking them out of two be should give an imitation of herself. No

youthful princes and princesses were laughing very heartily together in the drawing-room at Osborne, when her majesty entered with Princess Beatrice. She asked to be told the jake, and after princess gave it as it stood. The joke was rather, shall I say, an advanced one. The quoen did not smile, and her rebuke, gentle as it was, made itself felt. "We are not amused," she replied, answering for Princess Beatrice and herself .-

Woman at Home. NORTHERN SEA COW.

Manaton of Florida. Many persons have seen the skin of the sea cow owned by Uncle Dick Willoughby, of this city, but it is safe to say few have ever given a thought to the character of the animal, its mode of existence, food and how it came to be extinct. On numbers of the islands to the westward this curious mixture of mammal and fish could formerly be from to death?

found in great numbers. Since the time of Steller the animal life has undergone a considerable W.-What change on the island. Foxes (or, more correctle. "fieltrackor." Swedich) cs. Un to-Doto

sited then in unusual numbers.

alone did they est up everything that could be eaten at all which was left out side, but they forced themselves into houses during the day, as well as night, and carried away everything they could, even articles that could be of no use to them, such as knives, sticks, sacks, shoes and cocks. Frequently it became necessary to drive them away isted then in unus became necessary to drive them with sticks, and at last they been through the slyness and cunningness with which they managed to consummate their thleving, and the eleverness with which they combined their efforts to attain objects which they alone could not accompaigh. not accomplish really dangerous, mis-chief-making animals for castaways. Since then thousands upon thousands have been taken here by fur hunters. Now they are so rare that during the stay of the curio hunting party on the island not a single animal was seen. The company ones are said not to have The remaining ones are said not to have the formerly so commonly seen black blue coat, but the white, which is not so very costly. On the neighboring Cooper island there are still considerable num-

bers of black-blue foxes. Steller and his fellow-travelers killed here in 1741-42 700 ses otters. This animal, known for its very costly and fine fur, is now entirely driven from Behring

Of see lions, which were formerly very numerous, but few visit this place: also, sea bears, and, finally, the mo curious of all, the former mammalia on Behring island, the greatesa cow, is not

altogether extinct. Steller's sea cow took the place, in a certain way, of the hoofed animal among the bea mammalia. It was of a nutbrown color and covered with hats which had grown together into an outer hide, much like the bark of an old cal tree. Its length was, according to Stek-ler, even to 35 feet, and its weight almost 500 pounds. The head was large neck short, hardly distinguishable, fore part of the body thick, but suddenly part of the body thick, but suddenly narrowing backward. It had two short forciegs, which terminated abruptly, without any fingers or nalls, but with close gathered bristle hair; hind legs were missing altogether, and replaced by a tall fin, something like a whale, Tents, which were very rich with milk in females, had their place between the forciegs. The flesh and milk resembla very much that of neat cattle; it was even better than the latter, according

The sea cows were almost constantly occupied in feeding on those are weeds found in abundance along the coast, in doing which they move head and neck as an ox. They show great gluttony, and were not disturbed in the least by the presence of people. It was possible to go up and even touch them without their being scared or seeming to mind it. Toward each other they showed great affection, and when one was har-pooned the others made unusual efforts

When Steller was there the animals collected in great herds as nest cattle, grazing everywhere slong the above. A great number were killed by Steller and his companions. Later, the hunt for these animals was an important food item for those England who miled from Kamichatka to the Aleutian is from Kamichatka to the line yearly, lands, Hundreds were killed yearly, and they were soon enterminated, if we except a few animals gone astray, at that time only on Benning island.

The bones of the sen core are now found lying near file water edge, but on a beach shelf-six to ten feet highthickly covered with gram. They are and in order to find them it was sary to explore the grown ones or a sharp iron, as if would have been too laborious to dig up the whole of simplicity. He and the duke of York are like boys together sometimes, accustomed to distinguish by the sound rather than fether and son, or the feeling of the layoned whether

he has struck against a stone, a of wood or a piece of hone.
In consequence of their hard, typy like condition the bodies are used by the natives for eleigh-moners and for carvings. They are, therefore, already to a great extent need up, and rares than other bones. The benes from the fingers seem in most cases to be entire-

An Apple Problem. Once upon a time there were two old men who ent in the market early every morning and sold apples. Each one had 30 apples, and one of the old men sold two for a cent, and the other old petty cares which harass the majority of their subjects, conduces to keep them young and simple hearted. As for a practical joke, there is nothing they enjoy so much. The princess of Wales herself is a great hand at making applenic beds, and is up to no end of tup. Is take his apples and self them for him. This the other man very kindly con ed to do, and when he got to the marks is quick to see the point in a funny with the two bankets of apples he said story, and loves above all things to to himself: "I will put all the apples hear an amusing recitation—aye, and into one backet, for it will be easier mimicry be not ill natured. We know So he put the 60 apples into one basket, that she even insisted that one of her and he said to himself: "Now, if I sell equerries (a very clever amateur actor) two apples for one cent, and my old should give an imitation of herself. No friend sells three for one cent, that is joke causes her the least smusemnt that the same thing as selling five apples for two cents, therefore I will sell five for two cents, therefore I will sell five for two cents." When he had sold the se apples he found he had only 24 cents, which was right, because there are 12 fives in 60, and twice 12 are 34. But if the other man had been there, and each one had sold his apples separately, they would have reteived 25 cents. New, how is that explained? - St. Nicholan.

"Sadi is all right, but her father don" like me." "But you're not going to merry the

father. "Not exactly; yet he controls the check book." - Philadelphia North American. Good Exercise.

Doctor-The bicycle gives people the best exercise in the world. Patient-But I can't afford to rie

"Oh, you don't need to ride one! Just dodge them!"-Tit-Rits. William-I monder how it feels to be Billion-You'd better nak Stillion be-

fore it's too late. W.-What does he know about it? R.-He married a Boston woman-